



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Topic | Fire Alarm Visual Notification Appliances in Restrooms | | |
| Code Section(s) | 2001 CFC 9102.1, & NFPA 72, 1999 Ed. Section 4-4.5 | | |
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- 1. In addition to the fire alarm visible notification appliances required within the common area of the restrooms, is a separate visual notification appliance required in each stall if the door and walls of the stall are solid (no louvers or glass) and continue from the floor to the ceiling providing total privacy for the occupant in the stall?***

Yes. A separate visible notification appliance would be required when the stall partition or door creates a complete separation from the illumination of the common use area of the restroom visible appliance.

- 2. If the answer to question #1 is “yes”, what is the required candela rating of the visible notification appliance?***

Fire alarm visible notification appliances shall comply with the spacing and candela requirements of Tables 4-4.4.1.1 (a) or (b) in NFPA 72 (1999 edition),